



FBI TEEN ACADEMY APPLICATION
Spring 2020
Pittsburgh Division



What is the Teen Academy? The Pittsburgh FBI Teen Academy is an eight-hour block of instruction in which high school juniors are brought to the Pittsburgh FBI field office for a comprehensive look at today's FBI. Students will be exposed to thought provoking discussions, informational presentations and hands on activities during their time at the field office to provide them with a well-rounded FBI experience.

When and where is the Teen Academy? The Teen Academy will be on Tuesday, **March 24, 2020** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (*Program cancellation makeup date is set for Tuesday, March 31, 2020.*) The FBI Field office is located at 3311 E. Carson St. Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

Who should apply? Any student with an interest in the FBI should consider applying to be part of the FBI Teen Academy. The FBI prides itself on the vast diversity of their workforce. The FBI is not a place just for those seeking a career in criminal justice, but for those who want to play a part of the FBI's mission of protecting the American people and upholding the Constitution of the United States. By becoming involved with the Teen Academy, students will have exposure to the multiple job roles within the FBI and will be able to see how a relationship with the FBI can help benefit their school and community as a whole.

What is required to apply? To apply to the FBI Teen Academy, students are required to fill out the attached application and write a two page, typed, single space essay. The essay should indicate why the student wants to be part of the program and how the experience will help them serve their school. All students will be selected on an individual basis as a result of both their application and essay. The application process should be taken seriously by all applicants.

What is expected? On the day of Teen Academy, each accepted student should take this opportunity to conduct themselves as if they were an FBI employee. Students should be punctual, exhibit professional behavior, and dress in business casual attire. Dress code will be further defined upon acceptance into the program. Please contact the division if you have a hardship and would like to apply for further accommodations.

This application and supporting essay must be received at the following address by 4 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2020 for panel review. Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.

FBI Pittsburgh Division
Attn: Community Outreach
3311 E. Carson St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Fax: 412-432-4188

Application Checklist:

- ☐ Student application:
 - Completed candidate information;
 - Completed and signed Parent/guardian information;
 - Completed school information;
 - Completed endorsing school official information;

- ☐ Essay indicating why the student wants to be part of the program and how the experience will serve the school:
 - Typed;
 - No more than two pages, single-spaced;
 - Essay format with proper capitalization and punctuation;
 - Name and email on each page.

Students will be notified of their application status via email by close of business on **February 25, 2020**. Accepted students will be required to confirm their planned attendance **no later than March 4, 2020**. All confirmed accepted students will receive an admission packet that will include required parental permission forms, media release forms and security forms upon. All necessary forms must be turned in by **March 11, 2020**.

***Parents/Students:** Due to the sensitivity of the work conducted in our facilities, the FBI's Access Control Policy requires that as visitors in FBI space, each participant must submit Personally Identifiable Information (PII) in order for security screening checks to be conducted. You will be asked to provide your full name, date of birth, and driver's license/state ID number (if applicable). This information will not be used for any other purpose.

***Failure to provide required forms and relevant information will result in removal from FBI Teen Academy.**

Questions regarding the FBI Teen Academy or the application process can be directed to Community Outreach Specialist K Wesolosky at 412-432-4488 or kwesolosky@fbi.gov.



Student Candidate Information

Name:			
(Last, First, Middle)			
Grade level			
(2019-20 school year):			
Home Street Address:			
City/State:		Zip Code	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone	
Email Address:		Referred by	

School Activities (attach page if necessary):

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Community Involvement (attach page if necessary):

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Parent/Guardian Information and Approval

Name			
(Last, First, Middle)			
Street Address			
City/State		Zip Code	
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Business Phone		Email	
Emergency, please call:			
Signature			
Date			

School Information and Approval

Name			
Street Address			
City/State		Zip Code	
Phone		Email	
School Official			
Official's Position			
Phone		Email	
Applicant's GPA			
Official's Signature			
Date			

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the FBI Teen Academy

Q. Is the program only for high school juniors?

A. Yes, the program has been designed for high school juniors to ensure that they have at least one year remaining in their academic career at the school. This enables students to share the information they have learned and serve as peer mentors, when appropriate. There will be a similar program for high school seniors offered in the fall of 2020.

Q. Is the essay important?

A. Yes, the essay is important as it is often the first element of the application package that is reviewed by our panelists. This is an opportunity for the student to explain why they should attend and what benefit of the class will be beyond the student's own experience.

Q. Does a student have to have specific experience or interest in law enforcement to be a successful candidate?

A. No, a student does not need to be in a criminal justice program, explorers' program, ROTC, etc. The primary objective is to identify students who are capable of leadership and have an interest in what the FBI does.

Q. Is this experience similar to an internship?

A. The FBI Teen Academy is not an internship and while students may be offered case studies drawn from adjudicated cases, students will not be exposed to active cases or day-to-day investigations.

Q. I love forensic science! Will I get to learn techniques?

A. While students will be exposed to some basic evidence collection techniques during one of the many sessions, the day covers a wide variety of topics from a classroom and experiential perspective as well as concepts that are designed to enhance student awareness of issues such as cybercrime, cyber bullying and more.